

School Board Meeting Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #912
MILACA, MINNESOTA 56353
Monday, December 16, 2024 6:00 pm
ALC

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 912, Milaca, Minnesota was held in the ALC on Monday, December 16, 2024, for the purpose of discussing board business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Aimee Struffert.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Jennifer Corrow, Jere Day, Caity Eggen, Samantha Lange, Sara Larsen, Nathan Neuhart, Aimee Struffert. The Superintendent David Wedin was also present.

Changes to Agenda:

VIII. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

D. Personnel Items

Resignations/Retirements/Seasonal Layoff/Termination:

2. Accept the termination of Melissa Miller, Paraprofessional, effective December 13, 2024 - *addition*

Motion by N. Neuhart, second by S. Lange, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7:0.

Public Forum

No one spoke in public forum.

Committee Reports

1. *Building and Grounds Committee Meeting (12/2) - S. Larsen*
 - a. *Main Gym Update*
 - b. *Snow Removal Contract Discussion*
 - c. *Other*
2. *Committee of the Whole (12/2) - A. Struffert*
 - a. *Snow Removal*
 - b. *Read Act*
 - c. *Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (World's Best Workforce)*
 - d. *Other*
3. *Special Board Meeting (12/2) - A. Struffert*
 - a. *Truth in Taxation Public Hearing*
 - b. *Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (World's Best Workforce)*
 - c. *Other*

Presentations

A presentation of the FY24 Audit was provided remotely by a representative from Bergan KDV.

Principals/Directors/Coordinators Report

High School Principal: an update was given on registration for 2025-2026 with curriculum proposals being submitted by staff and additional graduation requirements being implemented for the class of 2028; information was also given on the upcoming Unified Physical Education basketball game on January 9, 2025 against Foley.

Elementary Principal: updates were given on parent teacher conferences in November which had good attendance; the Deep Portage Environmental Learning Center trip for 6th Grade students in December; and the Targeted Services programs that began in December.

Activities Director/Dean of Students: gave updates on the winter sports including Jr. High Girls and Jr. High Boys Basketball, High School Girls and High School Boys Basketball, and both Boys and Girls Wrestling; and participation numbers in Activities.

Community Education Director/Facilities Manager: updates were given for Community Education on winter swimming lesson sessions and Mr. Sumner transitioning to the role of Past President for the Minnesota Community Education Association Board beginning the final year of his 3-Year Term. A facility update was given on the Main Gym project work, the Milaca Youth Basketball Tournament, the repair of a cracked water pipe in the Elementary tunnels, and projects to be completed by plumbers and electricians on site over winter break.

Business Manager Report: gave an update on the financial picture of the district.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by C. Eggen, second by S. Larsen, to approve the consent agenda:

- Approval of the minutes from the November 14, 2024 Special Board Meeting, the November 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, and the December 2, 2024 Special Board Meeting
- Approval of checks and wires
- Approval of transfers from PMA/MN Trust to First National Bank: \$1,000,000.00 on November 14, 2024, and \$800,000.00 on November 26, 2024
- Hire Sasha Koenig, Targeted Services Tutor, up to 28 hours total, \$30.00 per hour, effective December 3, 2024 - February 6, 2025
- Hire Missy Tellinghuisen, Targeted Services Tutor, up to 28 hours total, \$30.00 per hour, effective December 3, 2024 - February 6, 2025
- Hire Christie Hostrawser, Targeted Services Tutor, up to 28 hours total, \$30.00 per hour, effective December 3, 2024 - February 6, 2025
- Hire Corey Greninger, Targeted Services Tutor, up to 16 hours total, \$30.00 per hour, effective December 3, 2024 - February 6, 2025
- Hire Mike Lundeen, Targeted Services Tutor, up to 16 hours total, \$30.00 per hour, effective December 3, 2024 - February 6, 2025
- Change in assignment with Sue Haapala, Paraprofessional, from 38.75 hours per week to 33.75 hours per week, \$19.87 per hour, effective December 1, 2024
- Reinstate Megan Vetter from leave of absence, Grade 7 and 8 Speech Coach, \$3,240.41, effective November 18, 2024
- Change in assignment with Coletton Kiel, Part Time Cleaner, from 28.75 hours per week to 25 hours per week, \$14.63 per hour, effective December 1, 2024 - May 30, 2025
- Hire Cory Pedersen, Interim Junior High One Act Play Director (replacing Mary Strohmayer), \$1,080.14, effective December 2, 2024
- Accept staff leave requests:
 - Revision to Carina Belford, Elementary Teacher, from August 26, 2024 - November 21, 2024 to August 26, 2024 - December 2, 2024
 - Mary Strohmayer, High School Teacher, from November 22, 2024 - January 6, 2025
 - Mary Strohmayer, Junior High One Act Play Director, one third of season beginning December 2, 2024
- Accept the resignation of Rachel Arens, 0.5 Assistant Boys Track Coach, effective November 12, 2024
- Accept the termination of Melissa Miller, Paraprofessional, effective December 13, 2024
- Third Reading and Approval of New/Revised policy in compliance with legislative updates
 - Policy 522 - Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process
- Approve the 2024-2025 Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan (World's Best Workforce)
- First Reading and Approval of Policy 404 with Updates Due to New District Background Check Procedures
 - Policy 404 - Employment Background Checks

Motion carried, 7:0.

Items on Which Board Discussion and Action is Requested

Motion by J. Day, second by S. Lange, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by J. Day, second by N. Neuhart, to approve the quote from Seating and Athletic Facility Enterprises, LLC (SAAFE) in the amount of \$525,842.00 per the Cooperative Purchasing Connection for the demolition of the old bleachers and the installation of new bleachers in the main gym. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by C. Eggen, second by S. Larsen, to approve the quote from H2I Group in the amount of \$218,350.00 per the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract for the demolition of the main gym court #1 floor, installation of new flooring in main gym court #1, and sanding/refinishing of main gym court #2 and #3. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by N. Neuhart, to approve the quote from H2I Group in the amount of \$61,245.00 per the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract for the demolition and install of new curtains in the main gym as well as install of touchpad connecting existing backstop motors. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by C. Eggen, to approve the FY24 Audit. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by N. Neuhart, second by S. Lange, to certify the 2024 payable 2025 levy. Motion carried, 7:0.

Motion by C. Eggen, second by N. Neuhart, to adopt the Resolution Relating to Adoption of a Joint Powers Agreement for Construction and Maintenance of a Cooperative Facility and the Financing Thereof; Approving Parameters for the Award

of a Lease Purchase Agreement and the Sale of Certificates of Participation Therein. Upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor there of: J. Corrow, J. Day, C. Eggen, S. Lange, S. Larsen, N. Neuhart, A. Struffert, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Superintendent Items

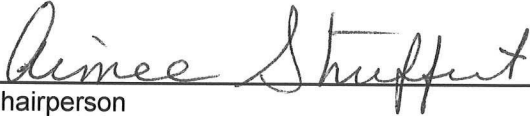
Superintendent Wedin gave an update on the Deep Portage trip for 6th Grade students, December 9-13, 2024. A review of the information from the annual Truth in Taxation and World's Best Workforce/Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness meeting held on December 2, 2024 was given which included details about the proposed 2025 school taxes, student achievement review, and the 2024-2025 Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan. A reminder was given of the upcoming Reorganizational Board Meeting on January 6, 2025, and wishes for a safe and wonderful winter break were shared.

Board Member Items

Chairperson, Aimee Struffert, and Clerk, Jennifer Corrow, gave information on Minnesota School Board Association's Delegate Assembly which they attended.

Motion by J. Corrow, second by S. Lange, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried 7:0.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairperson

January 22, 2025

Date


Clerk

January 22, 2025

Date